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Election of a member to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 8th plenary meeting, held on 28 April 2010, the Economic and Social Council, inter alia, elected eight members to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2011 (see Council decision 2010/201 B).

2. In a letter dated 29 October 2010, the Secretariat informed Governments that one elected member of the Permanent Forum, Mirian Masaquiza (Ecuador), had resigned from her seat and requested States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States to present their nominations to fill the seat by 25 November 2010.

3. Accordingly, the Secretariat has received nominations from the Governments of Bolivia (Plurinational State of) and Guyana. The term of office would begin on 1 January 2011 and expire on 31 December 2013.

4. Biographical information on the candidates is set out in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Biographical information on candidates for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Mónica Roxana Alvarez (Plurinational State of Bolivia)

State-approved credentials: Bachelor's degree in law and accredited specialist in alternative education for socially disadvantaged children, adolescents and youth. Postgraduate work in gender studies; socio-cultural anthropology and Andean studies; intercultural public management; and Master's degree in human rights (to be completed).

Education and academic qualifications

2009	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights — Organization of American States. Fourth specialized course for State officials on the use of the inter-American human rights protection system.
2007	SNAP (National Personnel Administration Service). Diploma in intercultural public management (ongoing).
2003	Ministry of Education, Vice-Ministry of Non-Formal and Alternative Education, General Directorate of Alternative Education, National Institute of Alternative Education. Catholic University of Bolivia — "Accredited specialist in alternative education for children, adolescents and youth".
April 2001	Technical University of Oruro, Faculty of Law and Political and Social Sciences, postgraduate course "Professional development in sociocultural anthropology and Andean studies".
January 2001	Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports; Oruro District Directorate of Education; Oruro Departmental Directorate of the *Fe y Alegría* organization, "Training in Values — Level I".
July 1995	Technical University of Oruro, Faculty of Law and Political and Social Sciences, *Certificado de Egreso* (course completion certificate) in Law.
1991	Technical University of Oruro, Faculty of Law and Political and Social Sciences, *Certificado de Conclusión de Estudios* (certificate of completion of studies).
March 1985	Oruro Technical University, first degree.

Work experience

2007 to present:	Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Alternate Delegate to the Fund for the Development of the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. Responsible for indigenous peoples' human rights issues.
2006-2007	Ministry of Rural Development, Agriculture and Environment. Vice-Ministry of Lands: Consultant Coordinator — Legislative Branch/Constituent Assembly.

2004	National Institute of Agrarian Reform (national chapter): legal consultant, responsible for indigenous peoples' health issues.
2004-2005	Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and Original Peoples: Consultant Coordinator — Legislative Branch/Constituent Assembly, responsible for original women's policy issues.
2003	National Council of Qullasuyu Ayllus and Markas (CONAMAQ): Legal adviser and consultant on conflict resolution and gender equity.
1999-2001	Departmental Directorate of the *Fe y Alegría* organization: responsible for organization, evaluation and training.
1999	Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Oruro District Directorate of Education, District Directorate of Education: "Preparation of report and work outline on awareness-raising in sex education".
1998-1999	Virgen del Mar Education Centre: collaboration as accredited panellist.
1997	Ministry of Human Development — National Secretariat for Gender and Generational Ethnic Affairs, Office of the Under-Secretary for Gender Affairs: Facilitator, training and specialization in gender studies.
1996	Oruro Departmental Directorate of the *Fe y Alegría* organization: accredited expert, *dph* non-formal education programme.
1992	Technical University of Oruro, Faculty of Law and Political and Social Sciences: Assistant Lecturer.

Unpublished work

"Draft Supreme Decree on the Right to Consultation" (Regulations of Act No. 1257 — ILO Convention No. 169 — Indigenous Rights).

Bertie Xavier (Guyana)

Toshao (Chief) of the Amerindian Community of Wowetta, North Rupununi, Region 9, Guyana.

Education and academic qualifications

2002-2007	Bachelor of Science (Bsc) in Environmental Sciences, University of Guyana
2001	Certificate in Forestry, Guyana School of Agriculture

Work experience

2008-2009	Employed at the Bina Hill Institute as a Facilitator for Forestry, Natural Resources and Wildlife Management
2009	Conducted a community outreach programme under UNICEF-funded project, with the Bina Hill Institute on global warming, climate change and HIV/AIDS and its effects in the communities of Fairview and Karasabai
2009	Conducted one month of community outreach programme throughout the 16 North Rupununi communities, under the Guiana Shield Initiative project, phase II, on payment for ecosystem services, threats to ecosystem, global warming and climate change, and its effects at the global and local levels
2007-2008	Employed with Project Fauna for five months as Coordinator for Field Technicians
2008	Employed as Coordinator for the Arapaima Project, North Rupununi District Development Board, Bina Hill, Annai. Tasks included organization of counting activity of Arapaima population, report writing, community outreach, dissemination of information on the simplified version of the Arapaima Management Plan and highlighting the residents of the various communities on the Quota System for each community
2007	Delegate to Global Assembly Conference on "Speak out, reach out, and ignite change", Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
2006	Conducted research on sexual and reproductive health issues, Georgetown. This research was conducted in areas along the coast, from Berbice to Essequibo, and along the Linden Highway, with the United Nations Development Programme, through the University of Guyana
2005	Completed a one-month Geographical Information System programme to create maps and add Global Positioning System data into Arc View software, facilitated by the Guyana Forestry Commission. This was done using existing data and overlapping attributes of various types of vegetation in selected areas, including the collection of waypoints using a Global Positioning System
2005	Conducted a one-month practical field exercise on forest inventory, conservation international concession, with the Guyana Forestry Commission, Essequibo River
2003	Completed a three-day Geographical Information System (GIS) training session at the Bina Hill Institute. This included the basics of GIS, using Arc View software

2004	Employed with Bina Hill as GIS intern for five months
1999-2000	Worked with two primateologists within Iwokrama reserve for nine months, conducting a field study on the behavioural patterns of various primate species